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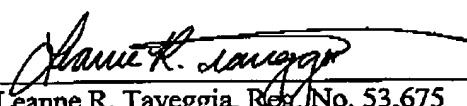
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated April 29, 2005. Attached is a Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$1,590.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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